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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the title at the top of page 1, with the following amended title:

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING AND MAINTAINING TRUST IN  
DIGITAL DATA FILES WITH CERTIFIABLE TIME**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, which starts with "This application is related", with the following new paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/142,132, filed on July 2, 1999, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. This application is related to the following co-pending, commonly assigned applications, each of which is incorporated by reference: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/421,279, entitled "SMART CARD SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR PROVING DATES IN DIGITAL DATA FILES," filed October 20, 1999; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/429,360, entitled "PERSONAL COMPUTER SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR PROVING DATES IN DIGITAL DATA FILES," filed October 28, 1999; and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/609,645, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR PROVING DATES IN DIGITAL IMAGING FILES," filed July 3, 2000.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 9, which starts with "Referring now to Fig. 7", with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to Fig. 7, a block diagram of a presently preferred embodiment of the PC system 700 according to the present invention is shown. System 700 generally comprises a PC 720, having a keyboard 740 and mouse 760 attached thereto for inputting digital data into the PC 720, ~~fraud prevention means 760~~ fraud prevention means 560 for proving with certainty the dates and

times that digital data files contained within the PC 720 were accessed, created, modified, stored, or transmitted, and a monitor 780 for displaying such files. As an option, PC 720 may include ~~verification means 780~~ verification means 580, which are adapted to verify the authenticity of a date and time-stamp affixed to such digital data files.